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SUBJ: CIVIL AIR ACTIVITIES

1. OFFICIAL LAO PRESSE REPORTED ON AUGUST 8 THAT, ACCORDING TO PRINCE PANYA SOUVANNA PHOUMA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, OF ROYAL AIR LAOS, A DELEGATION WOULD BE TRAVELING TO HANOI ON AUGUST 21 TO SIGN A CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM ON THE 22ND. THEY WOULD THEN PROCEED TO PEKING ON THE 23RD FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF A SIMILAR ACCORD WITH THE PRC.

2. LAO PRESSE ALSO QUOTES PRINCE PANYA AS SAYING THAT RAL WILL SOON RECEIVE THREE DC-4'S AND A CARAVELLE, THROUGH THE AUSPICES OF AIR FRANCE. THE DC-4'S ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON AUGUST 17, AUGUST 25 AND THE END OF SEPTEMBER RESPECTIVELY WHILE THE CARAVELLE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE OCTOBER 5. PRINCE PANYA ADDED THAT THESE NEW PLANES WOULD BE USED ON THE NEW ROUTES BETWEEN
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LAOS AND NORTH VIET-NAM AND THE PRC AS WELL AS THE ROUTES

ALREADY SERVED BY AIR LAOS.

3. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE RAL/TRANS AIR CONTRACT FOR THE USE OF ELECTRAS HAD ENDED ON AUGUST 1 AND THAT ALL CONTACTS WITH TRANS AIR WOULD BE CUT AT THE END OF AUGUST. (COMMENT: THIS IS NOT PRECISELY TRUE AS TRANS AIR WILL CONTINUE TO DELIVER RICE AND PERFORM OTHER SERVICE IN LAOS.)

4. LAO PRESSE ALSO REPORTED THAT AIR FRANCE WOULD BE ABLE TO SERVE VIENTIANE REGULARLY AFTER THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER AS THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A STOP AT BANGKOK HAD ALMOST REACHED AGREEMENT.
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